

M I N U T E S

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 3, 1977

The regular meeting of the County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with invocation by Mr. Crain. Mr. Herring was absent.

Motion by Mr. Ables, seconded by Mr. Cox and carried to approve minutes of the April 19th meeting as printed.

Mr. John Little of the PRT Commission requested an additional \$2,000 local funds be placed in the account for construction of tennis courts at South Cove Park (to be transferred from another account where there is a surplus). This project will be matched with BOR funds. Total cost is expected to be \$24,000 (County would be reimbursed \$12,000 after project is completed). Mr. Bailes moved, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried to grant this request. Mr. Little also told Council the PRT Commission would like to request their approval to hire a Tennis Pro for South Cove on a six month trial basis to take care of the courts and teach tennis. They feel they can hire one for \$500 per month with him being allowed to keep his teaching fees. Mr. Thomas praised the park system and moved that Council study this request and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Crain seconded and it was carried. Mr. Little introduced the new Recreation Director, Ben Sullivan, to Council Members.

Mr. Plyler, Planning Commission Director, presented a summary report on Oconee Point Park he had received from the Corps of Engineers and requested Council consider taking over this park from them. On this matter, Mr. Bailes requested this be considered in the overall budget for 1977-78. Council Members agreed.

Dr. Rolett and Mr. Murdock of the Health Department requested additional funds for travel for employees in that department. Mr. Bailes moved to deny the request. His motion did not receive a second. After this request was discussed Mr. Moore moved to refer it to the Finance Committee for further study and a recommendation made at next meeting of Council. Mr. Crain seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Fant Honea, Rural Fire Marshall, presented a grant application to the U.S. Forestry Service for \$10,500 for equipment for the Oconee Rural Fire Department. Mr. Cox moved, Mr. Thomas seconded to approve the application for these funds. The vote was unanimously in favor.

In old business, Mr. Cox moved to reconsider the hiring of a County Engineer. Mr. Frady stated he felt it would be given more study. Mr. Moore agreed with Mr. Frady. Mr. Thomas told Council he felt an Engineer was needed. County Attorney Fedder told Mr. Cox that his motion was out of order and in order to repeal the Ordinance creating the position, another Ordinance would have to be enacted. Mr. Cox requested him to prepare this and he agreed. In other old business Mr. Frady discussed toll free telephone service for county residents in the Clemson exchange. The cost for two lines (one to the courthouse and one to the public service building) would be \$3,920 with a monthly charge of \$77.75 per line. Council discussed this and thought it might be more economical to accept collect calls for these residents who call on county business. It was agreed to check with the Public Service Commission to see if they could be of

ssistance with regard to this problem.

In new business Mr. Bailes requested Council to go on record in support of a pardon for former Civil Defense Director Jim Satterfield. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Bailes moved, Mr. Ables seconded to go into executive session at 9:05 P.M. for a report by County Attorney Fedder on the litigation of the Walhalla Middle School. It was agreed.